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EDITORIAL

Several years ago, during an interview on the B.B.C., a renowned theologian was asked the question, "If you had only one message to give to the world today, what would it be?"

What an interesting question!

If you had only one message to give to the world today – a world that is staggering, reeling and floundering in the midst of an energy crisis, a population explosion, a runaway inflation and a flood of terrorism – a world that is looking for an anchor of hope, a way of peace, a formula for deep and lasting joy – what would your message be?

The theologian responded with two words: "The Incarnation!" We fully agree. This is a message of hope, life, power and love. God has visited planet earth. He has invaded human history in Jesus Christ. Christmas is Christian!

This issue is devoted to demonstrating the relevance and significance of the Incarnation to our world today. Once convinced, we can never be silent!

Even more than this, it is designed to offer practical helps in celebrating Christmas as Christians. Once convicted, we can never be the same!

Here at OBC/OTS we are overwhelmed with gratitude to God for His gracious blessings this year. It has really been spectacular. Many of you have had a major part in this, by your prayers and gifts. On behalf of all of the faculty and staff, I want to thank you sincerely, and wish you a Christian Christmas!

William J. McRae

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The Marvel of Christmas

There is something almost magical about Christmas. You notice the difference in the social air. People are more apt to say "hello" and most will respond in kind to the "Merry Christmas" greeting.

The special touch of Christmas is felt mostly by children. I can still remember the stars in the eyes of an eighteen month old daughter (our first) when she saw the Christmas tree with all its glistening lights. I am so grateful for that memory of that wonder filled gaze.

What is this strange power in the Christmas celebration? Some would say it is purely a sensual reaction to the food and odors which usually mark the occasion. These cynics would agree with Scrooge that it is more of "gravy than of ghosts". Others would say the warm feeling is the product of emotional manipulation. People are pulled out of themselves for a brief moment and good will prevails. Perhaps we could use a mite more of that manipulation!

Actually, the basic reason why the mention of Christmas has such powers to warm and move is theological. Something happened on the day which we celebrate which has had lasting historical and spiritual effects.

The theological marvel of Christmas is best summed up in a familiar word in Paul's epistle to Timothy. The great apostle breaks into a kind of awed praise and says: "Great is the mystery of godliness; God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the nations, believed on in the world, received up into glory" (I Tim. 3:16 K.J.V.).

These sublime words are probably part of an incarnation song which the ancient church used to confess its faith. We can, with some justification, call them "the Biblical Christmas Carol". To examine these words in detail is to have an understanding of the tremendous significance of that event in which "the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us".

Let us place this statement under an expository microscope. The first thing we observe is that it is a "mystery". That suggests something which staggers the imagination and probes the depths. It does not mean something which can not be known nor is it just a matter for some special initiates. It is truth which previously was hid but now has been made evident. The Christmas

carol sets forth Divine revelation.

The essence of the incarnation is expressed in the simple statement that "God was manifest in the flesh". Eternal uncreated God with all of His illimitable resources allowed Himself to become actual flesh and thus to make Himself known. The mind fails fully to comprehend, but the heart bows in worship. Here is truth to challenge every mind and to satisfy every heart.

The impact of the incarnation is set forth in a series of wonderful and strange statements. In the incarnation God was said to be justified in the Spirit. How can we ever say that God needs justification? Has he ever been charged with wrongs? This is the deepest of truths. God so graciously forgave Old Testament saints. Yet their sins had not been removed. Can God be both holy and just and tolerate sinners? The answer is simple. God forgave Old Testament sins because of what the Cross would do. Once Christ came and died it was evident that God had been righteous in forgiving O.T. sins, and thus He was "justified" (or shown righteous). Because of the Cross God can remain righteous and welcome sinners today. He is both Just and the Justifier of the one who believes on Jesus.

Through the incarnation God was seen of angels. That supposes that angels knew, but had never seen, Him. In imagination we can suppose the angels discuss what He is like. All their speculations are not fruitful. Then, in the burst of the birth at Bethlehem, they "see Him". Small wonder that the host sang: "Glory to God in the Highest". Blessed are the eyes which are allowed to behold the King in all of His splendour. All that the incarnation included was a cosmic revelation.

Because of the incarnation God has been preached unto the nations. Old Testament society tended to think of God as the God only of the Jews. Gentiles were excluded unless somehow they became associated with the Jews. Now, in the post incarnation stage, God is freely presented to all the nations. He is the Lord of all and saves all who call on Him.

On the basis of the incarnation, faith is placed in Him. We believe in God because we, with Paul, have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. Christmas 1984 sees millions around the world with a firm faith in Christ. Why? Because God was made flesh. The fruit of the incarnation is the family of God!

The final issue of the incarnation is that the incarnate God was received up into glory. That speaks of the heavenly seal upon His person and work. It also introduces us to the wonderful truth that our Lord now has a double glory. He has that intrinsic glory which is His because He is God. He has the earned glory which is His because He fulfilled His redemptive work.

Truly great is the marvel of the incarnation. Let us respond on our knees and in fervent adoration as we say, "Christ the Lord is come!" Let us join Thomas in saying, "My Lord and My God".

James P. Vold

(Rev. James Vold has had 28 years of experience as a pastor. Presently, on the part-time faculty of OBC.)

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The Children's Christmas

It was the saddest sight I have ever seen. Sixty little African children lay crammed into sixteen cots. Their arms and legs stuck out like matchsticks and their tummies were swollen like footballs. Their listless eyes looked enormous in their thin pinched faces. They were suffering from *kwashiorkor* or severe malnutrition.

The missionary doctor turned to me and said, "We so badly need a children's ward here at the hospital. With famine all around us, children are dying like flies, and we have so little room here to help those who make it to the hospital."

Outside the ward I choked back the tears and clenched my fists. "Something must be done," I vowed. As the horror of the scene inside flooded over me again, a voice said to me, "It's all very well to say something must be done. Who do you think is going to do it? Why not you?"

"Me? How could I do anything? I'd like to, but..." I wiped the perspiration off my brow.

It was December, the hottest month of the year in our part of Africa. Christmas was around the corner. Soon we would be wistfully singing Christmas carols like "See Amid the Winter's Snow" while the sweat rolled down our backs. What a contrast to Edinburgh, Scotland which we had left a year before.

Back in Edinburgh, that same December day was raw and bitterly cold. The Smith children in Scotland had been counting the days until Christmas. Their mother was preparing supper in the kitchen. Marion and Janet were giving her a hand. They had just come home from school, and the other five children were in the living room.

Timmy and Paul were playing "cars" on the floor. They were very small. Ron and Betty were doing their homework. And Mary was doing her piano practice. She had just played "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," and was now playing "Joy to the World."

Mary's carol practice made a nice Christmassy atmosphere in the house, as the fire crackled and blazed up the chimney. Marion and Janet, in the kitchen, began to sing "Joy to the World" and Mother joined in.

Then Betty stopped doing her homework and said, "I wonder what Santa Claus will bring us this Christmas?"

That started it. The things those children wanted! There was simply no end to it.

Mary stopped playing the piano and said, "I read in the newspaper that some children won't have anything from Santa Claus this Christmas. Some children won't even have enough to eat."

"So what?" Ron said. "We can't help that. We can't do anything about that. Get on with your music, Mary, and don't make everybody miserable."

But Mary did not go on playing Christmas carols. She sat on the piano stool and said, "I wish we could give something to help the children who won't have enough to eat."

"It's money that's needed for that," Ron said, "and we just haven't got any."

By now Marion and Janet had left the kitchen. They were playing with Timmy and Paul, crawling on the floor and giving them rides on their backs.

Marion stopped crawling and said, "I've got an idea! We could get some money."

"How?" everybody demanded at once.

"Well," Marion went on, "suppose we write letters to all our aunties and grandmas and friends who usually give us Christmas presents and say, 'Please, instead of presents, could you give us money for a special project?' And the special project will be to send money to the children who won't have enough to eat. Can we, Mum?"

"Of course you can," their mother said. "God will do wonderful things with what you give to Him."

Ron, ever practical, said, "And how are you going to find the children

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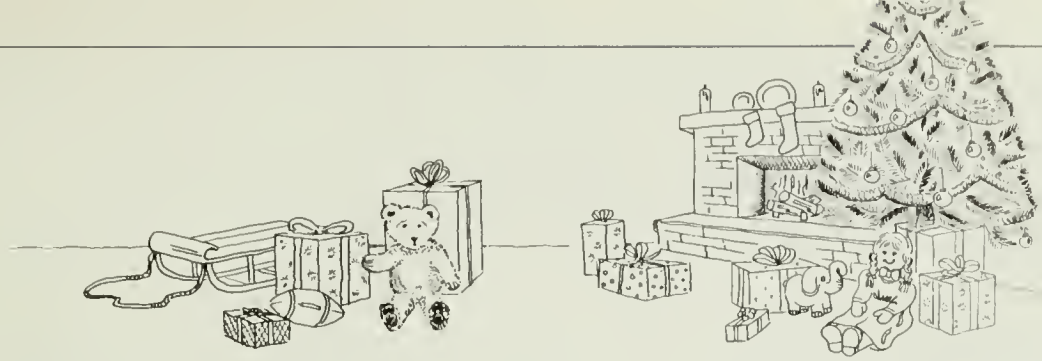

who won't have enough to eat? Where are they?"

"Africa," Marion said.

"India," said Janet.

Then Mary, still sitting at the piano, said, "Pastor and Mrs. Griffiths went to Africa from our church. They're sure to know some children in Africa who are hungry."

"So that was settled," their mother wrote to tell me later.

The result was that a money order came to me in Johannesburg just after Christmas, with the details I have just told you. All seven children had signed the letter. Someone had to put a hand over little Timmy's hand for him to write "Timmy."

The money order was for 7 South African rand - worth about $21.00 in 1962.

I did think that that $21.00 was precious. I planned to send it straight away to the missionary doctor who was in charge of the Mission Hospital in the famine area, telling him that it was sent from seven children in Scotland to buy food for hungry African children.

But the more I thought about those children in Scotland, the more precious that $21.00 became. This was the sacrifice of seven children who had gone without Christmas toys and candies to send their money for little starving children in Africa.

This money is like the boy's five bread rolls and two fishes we read about in the Bible, I thought. That boy gave Jesus all he had - his lunch. And Jesus fed five thousand people with that boy's lunch!

"God is going to do something wonderful with these children's money," I said to myself.

Then I said, "Why, of course! This is exciting! Could we? Could we? Dare we try to build that new wing at the Mission Hospital?"

I phoned the doctor in charge.

"We have a builder on the spot," he said. "We could start straight away, and I have the plans right here!"

The story of what the seven Scottish children had done got around. They had given their Christmas money. Now other people gave their money. Some big amounts, some small. As the money came, the builder built. God multiplied the children's Christmas money over one thousand times. The government matched every gift rand for rand, dollar for dollar.

You should have seen that beautiful children's wing when it was finished! The last time I saw it *ninety* African children were being loved and cared for. And every day they heard the stories of Jesus. All because seven Scottish children gave their Christmas gifts to God.

Little is much when God is in it!

Kitty Anna Griffiths
("A VISIT WITH MRS. G")

(Mrs. K. Griffiths is known to thousonds of children as "Mrs. G" through her stories which are aired on hundreds of radio stations around the world. Her husband is Dr. Griffiths, Pastor of Calvary Church, Toronto.)

CHRISTMAS AWAY FROM HOME

Coming from Guyana, South America I had to make a few major adjustments on my first Christmas in Canada. For example, instead of the green palm trees, temperatures that vary between 80-85° - and comfortable summer clothes, I had to adjust to the snow on the ground, the freezing temperatures, the lifeless trees and the uncomfortable bulky winter clothes.

I was homesick and longed to be back in my village where Christmas is more Christ centered, more family and community oriented and less secularized by commercialism. I did not cherish the thought of spending Christmas in Canada. However, I experienced another dimension in celebrating Christmas after I met Mr. John Higgins, who supported me financially for 4-1/2 years while I was at O.B.C. Also meeting Mr. & Mrs. S. Reynolds, has made my Christmas as well as my stay in Canada more enjoyable.

Their homes were made accessible to me without any restraints. They had me over for dinners on several occasions and I was made to feel a part of the family. So, celebrating Christmas with them was an honor because I did not feel inhibited. Also it was the first time I spent Christmas with a Christian family and the fellowship was unforgetable.

Like myself there are many other foreign students whose Christmas and time in Canada can be exciting and unforgetable if more Christians are willing to reach out to them. It does not have to be on special occasions; but having them for weekends and overnight will make the transition more easy and less awkward. Remember it is not so much what we say or possess that shapes our lives but the little deeds that we habitually practise.

Ram Kalap
Guyana, South America

(Mr. Ram Kalap is a graduate of both the college and seminary. This is his first year as Student Activities Director in the Community Life Department.)

Hope in a Hopeless World

The world in which we find ourselves is one that is torn by political, racial and religious strife. The climate is one of uncertainty, anxiety and fear. The global issues of economic instability, political and social injustice and the ever-present prospect of nuclear war, have cast a shadow over Western society. A little closer to home we confront the realities of unemployment, the tragic breakdown of the family and the nagging sense of isolation and loneliness as our lives run parallel to one another. It is not surprising then to note that within our culture there is a serious and significant loss of hope. These social realities however are only one side of the coin of despair. On the other side are the personal realities that shape the lives of large numbers of people. A sense of futility in work and pleasure is the experience of some. For others there is a general sense of the loss of meaning and value so clearly expressed in much contemporary music and art. Many are trapped on the treadmill of material prosperity while others are engaged in a quest for self-fulfillment. Still others have forfeited belief in a transcendent God and adopted instead a debilitating narcissism. This rather bleak picture I have painted is not intended to give a counsel of despair but to encourage the believer in his/her special task of bringing hope to a hopeless world.

St. Augustine has said that hope has two daughters anger and courage, anger that things are less than they ought to be and courage to strive to make them what they are meant to be. In the Scriptures hope is seen as confident and steadfast and it is rooted in what we know about Jesus Christ (Rom. 5:1-5). Put simply the reality of Christ, his coming and promised return, provide a source of hope for God's people, a hope which we long to share with others. Why is hope important for us? I think the answer to that is, because we live in a sinful world. The tendency for us is to interpret the world as we see and experience it. Jesus calls us to see through the present sinful world. We as God's people are to have a transformed vision of the world. If we look at the world as I have described it above we may rightly ask, why not give up? And yet the world as it is, is not the world as it is intended to be. Like Abraham we are called to "hope against hope" (Rom. 4:18). The consequences of sin are deep rooted and serious. The mandate of the believer is to proclaim the coming of the kingdom by word and deed. Hope is not just hanging on but is a conscious effort to see the world in a different way.

The advent season is a time charged with hope and with a longing for peace and goodwill. The babe of Bethlehem lying in the manger in all of its fraility and weakness is at the same time the powerful presence of the kingdom of God come in our midst. The familiar words of the carol captures something of this spirit of hope.

No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found...

Jesus has come to set us free from the bondage and idolatry that characterizes our contemporary culture. He has come as the source and focus for hope in a despairing world. It is incumbent upon believers not to grasp this hope for their own sake only but to joyfully share the good news that the world as it is, is not the world as it is intended to be. The King has come and will make all things new. In the meantime we are to rest in that hope and faithfully express it in our worship and work.

The believing community is in a very significant way a symbol of hope in a sinful world. This is particularly true in the context of our active service. When we take on the role of a servant we speak hope to the world. The believing community stands as both a witness to the reality of God's grace and promise as given to us in Jesus Christ and as a channel or means of that grace to a needy world. Jesus spoke of himself as the anointed one who would "preach good news to the poor,...proclaim freedom for the prisoners, recovery of sight to the blind,...release the oppressed and proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:18, 19). The believer as a follower of Jesus Christ bears the same message. Even our smallest gestures of love and mercy and our feeble efforts to bring healing and freedom from oppression may be seen as symbols of hope. They are the means by which we may declare the presence of the Saviour. They may also be a context in which we invite people to know and experience the fulness of salvation in Jesus Christ.

The Advent season is a time when we celebrate and reflect upon the glory and the mystery of the Incarnation. It could also be a time in which we receive a fresh understanding of the truth that Christ is the Hope of the World and renew our commitment to express that truth every possible way.

John Franklin

(Mr. John Franklin, professor in the Arts and Theology Departments has been teaching at the school for 12 years.)

Alumni Communique

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After a 1-year furlough at Bristol Bible College in England, Grace went to Oak Ridge Baptist Church where she served in various capacities.

REV. & MRS. GEORGE MCALPINE '37 (FRANCES WOODS '37), have been involved with missions and the training of missionaries in Africa for many decades. After receiving their teaching certificates from the French Minister of Education in Paris, the couple left for Africa in 1938.

In Chad they served in the training of Chadian pastors and their wives until illness forced them to return to Toronto where they accepted a call to Oakwood Baptist Church. After ministering there for 12 years, during which time George served on the OBC Board of Governors, their health permitted them to return to Chad to resume their ministry.

At present, they are actively serving at Richview Baptist Church in deputational and conference ministry on behalf of The Evangelical Alliance Mission, doing translation work for the benefit of national pastors on the field, and serving on the OBC/OTS Corporation.

MR. PHIL HAINAUT, B.Th. '82 is the pastor of La Groupe Evangelique de St. Jerome, P.Q. where the Sunday worship finds its basis in 1 Cor. 10:26, *"When you come together, everyone has a hymn, or word of instruction..."* Included in the service is a half hour, before the instruction of the Word, where all members in good standing are invited to take part in sharing publicly. Anyone who feels led to read Scripture, suggest a song, praise God in prayer, or through a testimony, may do so freely. The men are especially encouraged to give instruction and exhort for the edification of all present. This sharing time has been an encouragement to many and has helped knit the church family together.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

DEATHS

*Rev. Edwin Barham '32 went into the presence of the Lord on Dec. 13/83 in Vancouver, B.C.

*Rev. Ivory Jeffrey, '15 was promoted to glory on Aug. 25 in Stouffville, Ont.

*Rev. Edwin Baker '15 went to be with the Lord on June 7 in Florida, U.S.A.

*Mrs. Herbert Rowe (JEAN SPENCE '31) passed into the presence of the Lord on June 16 in Markham, Ont.

*Mr. Austin Edwards '22 was promoted to glory on May 6 in Blenheim, Ont.

*Rev. Carl Simons, B.R.E. '75, went to be with the Lord on July 7 in Stratford, Ont.

*Mrs. Harold Roulson (OLIVE WARNER '35-'36) went into the presence of the Lord on June 11, in Belleville, Ont.

*Dr. John Edgar Graham '22 was promoted to glory on July 24 in Ft. Erie, Ont.

*Miss Margaret Storrar '38, '43 passed into the presence of the Lord on Sept. 7 in Toronto.

BIRTHS

*Mr. & Mrs. Jake Wiens (MARY CASSEL, B.R.E. '76) were blessed with a baby boy, Jeremy Nathan, on July 16, in Williams Lake, B.C.

*Mr. & Mrs. Mike Melnik (DONNA WAKEFORD, B.R.E. '81) praise God for the safe arrival of Jessica Marie, on Feb. 23, in Regina, Sask.

*Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Jeffray (OLIVE LAPP '77-'78) are pleased to announce the birth of Gregory Michael, on Apr. 23, in Wroxeter, Ont.

*Mr. & Mrs. David Nickel, B.S.M. '82 (STEPHANIE TAYLOR '80-'81) were blessed with a baby boy, David Nathanial, on June 22, in Orangeville, Ont.

*Mr. & Mrs. Mark Bronson, B.R.E. '76 (BRENDA HEADRICH, B.R.E. '76) joyfully announce the birth of James Williams, on July 1, in Dunnville, Ont.

*Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Koopmans (DOREEN LANGMAN, B.R.E. '77) rejoice in the birth of Matthew Gordon, on June 17, in Stroud, Ont.

*Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Kliewer (LYNDA ALLAN, O.T.S. '82-'83) praise God for the safe arrival of Alan Bryan, on Sept. 7, in Toronto.

PASTORAL INFO.

*Mr. Phil Ralph, B.Th. '81; M.DIV. '83, pastoring Yorkview Heights Baptist Church in Willowdale, Ont.

*Rev. Robert Thomas, B.R.E. '75, pastoring Rosetown Alliance Church in Sask.

*Mr. Andrew Lau, B.Th., '81, doing a pastoral internship at Toronto Chinese Community Church.

*Mr. Lee Tuson, B.Th. '82, doing a 3-point charge in the Altenham area of Ontario.

MISSIONS INFO.

*Mr. & Mrs. Tim Medhurst, B.R.E. '72; B.Th. '78; M.T.S. '83, are presently doing language study in Costa Rica, S. America for 1 year before proceeding to Bolivia with CBOMB.

*Rev. & Mrs. Frank Frew, B.Th. '51 (MARGARET, B.Th. '51) have returned to Kenya, Africa to serve in the Ministries Dept. of the S.I.M. Int'l Office.

*Mr. & Mrs. Harold Ball '65-'66 (PATRICIA WARNER '65-'66) have returned to Zambia, Africa.

*Rev. & Mrs. Larry Clements '69 (JOANNE HAYWARD '66-'67) are "home" for 1 year from Zaire, Africa (A.I.M.).

*Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Hogenbirk, B.Th. '78 (DOROTHY, B.R.E. '78) are studying French at Laval University in Quebec for 1 year before proceeding to the Ivory Coast, W. Africa (C. & M.A.).

*Miss Kathryn Pigden '80-'81 serving on staff at I.S.C.F. and involved in 5-10 high schools in the Kitchener-Waterloo area of Ont.

*Mr. & Mrs. Tom Lee (MAUREEN SMITH '61) in Papua New Guinea, have celebrated 22 years of service with W.B.T.

*Mr. Warnar Spyker '64 from B.C.U. now serving as Associate Director for R.B.M.U.

*Mr. & Mrs. Tom McCallum (LYNN, B.R.E. '75) have been appointed to serve in Belem, Brazil, with U.F.M. Int'l and anticipate leaving for the field in July '85.

GENERAL INFO.

*Mr. Frank Wallace, B.S.M. '81, now pursuing a Bachelor of Music degree at Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo, Ont.

*Mr. & Mrs. Bill Wilkinson, B.R.E. '84 (BONITA STEADMAN, B.Th., '81) now Deans of Residence at the Baptist Leadership Educational Centre in Whitby, Ont.

*Mrs. Murray Macdonald (MARGARET, B.S.M. '83) pursuing a Masters degree in Music at the University of Saskatchewan.

*Miss Kathryn Pigden '80-'81 graduated from the University of Waterloo in May with a B.A. degree in Psychology.

*Mrs. Allan Hunter (JANET KERR '49) is secretary/coordinator for the Retired Senior Program in three county areas in Arkansas, U.S.A.

*Mr. Andrew Lau, B.Th. '81, graduated from Regent College in Vancouver, B.C. with an M.DIV. degree.

MARRIAGES

*Miss Jane Gibson, B.R.E. '84 to Mr. Paul Fabok, B.R.E. '84, on Sept. 15 at Mississauga United Church, Ont. Miss Cheryl MacLeod, B.R.E. '84 and Miss Claudette White, B.S.M. '82 were Bridesmaids. Mr. Ken Wiles, B.Th. '84 was an Usher. Miss Gwen Laird, B.S.M. '83 and Mrs. John Bell (SHARON MCVETY, B.S.M. '73) assisted in music.

* Mr. Scott Forbes '81-'82 and Miss Karen Lofgren, on June 23 at West Park Batpist Church in London, Ont. Mr. Paul Walker '81-'82 was a Groomsman. Rev. Paul Fawcett, B.Th., '59, officiated the ceremony.

*Miss Eileen Finlay, B.R.E. '82 to Mr. David Coghill '82-'83, on July 28 in the OBC Chapel. Mrs. Peter Gilbert (SUSAN ALLCORN '77-'78) was the Matron of Hnnour and Mr. Blaine Mitchell, B.R.E. '83 was the Bestman. Miss Gwen Laird, B.S.M. '83 and Mrs. John Bell (SHARON MCVETY, B.S.M. '73) assisted in music.

*Miss Marilyn Vissers, B.R.E. '84 and Mr. Gordon Moon, on June 9, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Islington, Ont. Mrs. John Vissers (LYNN, B.R.E. '82) was the Matron of Honour.

*Miss Jamie Arthur, B.R.E. '84 to Mr. Robert Stinson, on June 23, at Inverary United Church, Ont.

*Mr. Gary McKee, B.R.E. '84, to Miss Donna Noble '80-'81, on June 9, at Uxbridge Baptist Church, Ont. Miss Christine Noble '80-'81 was a Bridesmaid. Mrs. John Bell (SHARON MCVETY, B.S.M. '73) was the organist.

*Mr. Livingstone Huff, B.Th. '82, to Miss Yvonne Blair '77-'78, on July 7, at the Chinese Presbyterian Church in Toronto. Miss Yvonne Blair '83-'84 was the Maid of Honour.

*Miss Janice Comfort '78-'79 and Mr. Harold Laser, on June 11, 1983, at Philpott Memorial Church in Hamilton, Ont.

*Mr. Bill Ryan, B.Th., '82, to Miss Lillian Cruz, on July 21, in the OBC Chapel. Mr. Emelito Yango, B.Th. '82 and Mr. Mark Wagner, B.Th. '82 were Ushers. Mr. Tim Beadle, B.Th. '83 was the Trumpeter.

*Mr. Emelito Yango, B.Th. '82 and Miss Kathy McKenzie, on June 9, at First Baptist Church in Sydney, N.S. Mr. Bill Ryan, B.Th. '82 was the Bestman. Mr. Paul Warner, B.R.E. '83, was an Usher. Mr. Michael Blair, B.Th. '81 gave a devotional in the ceremony.

*Miss Olive Lapp '77-'78 to Mr. Douglas Jeffray, on June 11, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Wingham, Ont.

*Rev. Kelvin Luong, M.DIV. '82, to Miss Olivia Yip, on Aug. 18, at Willowdale Baptist Church, Ont.

*Miss Linda Sibley, B.R.E. '82, and Mr. David Buchner, B.R.E. '80, at Maranatha Fellowship Church in Toronto. Mr. Mike Rodgers '79-'81 was the Bestman.

*Miss Ruth Daccord '81-'82 to Mr. Larry Moorhouse '81-'83, on June 16, at Snowdon Baptist Church in Montreal, P.Q. Miss Barb Smids, B.R.E. '83, was the Maid of Honour.

*Miss Yvonne Pryce, B.S.M. '80, to Mr. Audley Goulbourne, B.Th. '80, on July 28, at Ossington Baptist Church in Toronto. Mr. Michael Blair, B.Th. '81, was the Bestman. Mrs. Mario Bruno (ROSE, B.S.M. '80), Miss Janice Hicks, B.S.M. '79, Miss Claudette White, B.S.M. '82, and Mr. Lloyd Bell, B.S.M. '81, assisted in music.

*Mr. Les Clemens, B.R.E. '84 and Miss Laurie Jensen '82-'83, on Sept. 1, at First Baptist Church in Skaneateles, N.Y. Miss Sherry Leuhner '82-'83, was the Maid of Honour. Miss Gwen Laird, B.S.M. '83 and Mrs. John Bell (SHARON MCVETY, B.S.M. '73) assisted in music.

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JANUARY

TUES. 1 DR. MARIANO DI GANGI, OTS Pastoral Studies Dept. Pray as he addresses Urbana '84, teaching in IVCF's Institute of International Studies, University of Illinois.

MR. & MRS. ROBERT HALL, B.R.E. '82 in Peru (W.B.T.) request prayer for the working of the Spirit in the lives of the Nahua people. Pray also for physical health and strength for him as he recuperates from an ear operation, and for her as she gives motherly care to the family.

WED. 2 DR. BERT POLMAN, Chairman of OBC Music Dept. is participating today until Saturday in Hymnody workshops in Grand Rapids, MI.

MR. & MRS. ALAN GILMAN, B.Th. '81 (ROBIN KUNIGAS, B.R.E. '81) in Vancouver, B.C. (B.C.F.) request prayer for their weekly Bible study in their home. Pray for the working of the Holy Spirit as they concentrate on issues from the Bible that are of particular interest to Jewish people.

THURS. 3 MRS. EMMA PENNER, Periodicals' Assistant, Library.

MR. & MRS. EDMUND FABIAN '64-'67, home on furlough from Papua New Guinea (W.B.T.). Pray for a time of relaxation and refreshment as well as opportunities to share the ministry of the Mission.

FRI. 4 MR. LORNE WICKS, Asst. to President in Business Administration.

MR. JOHN VISSERS, OBC Part-time, Theology Dept.

MISS ELIZABETH WARDER, B.R.E. '83. Pray for a quick adjustment to the Jamaican culture to facilitate the organization of the literacy program and the effectiveness of her health and gardening classes (E.I.)

SAT. 5 MRS. HELEN DALZELL, Part-time, Biblical Studies Dept., OBC.

REV. & MRS. RAYMOND WATTS, B.Th. '61 (DINNI ZUNNEBERG '58). Pray for wisdom as he counsels 6 academically poor students and for the other responsibilities they have at the Kapsabet Bible Institute in Kenya, Africa (A.I.M.).

SUN. 6 DR. WILLIAM McRAE, President of OBC/OTS is speaking today in Burlington, Ont., at Brant Bible Church.

REV. ROBERT DUEZ, OBC Dean of Faculty, is preaching today, next Sunday and the 12th at Bendale Bible Chapel in Scarborough, Ont.

MR. & MRS. DAVID RICHARDSON '73-'74 (DIANE GLOVER, B.Th. '77). Pray for spiritual maturity, strength and quickness of mind as they tackle a year of language study in preparation to serve in a bookstore and visitation ministry in Djibouti, E. Africa (R.E.M.).

MON. 7 DR. DI GANGI is preaching this week at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Duncan, B.C.; Capernwray Bible School, Thetis Island and Fairview Church in Vancouver.

DR. SIANG-YANG TAN, OBC Director of Counselling Services, Community Life Dept. is speaking today at the A.G.C. Pastors' Day at Parkway Bible Church in Toronto.

MR. IAN JAMES '77-'78 in Toronto. Pray for an effective ministry as he works with international students on university campuses and serves as Administrative Assistant in the multimedia ministry of I.V.C.F.

TUES. 8 DR. STEWART BOEHMER, Chancellor.

MISS EUNICE SPENLER, Temporary Library Assistant.

MR. & MRS. BRUCE DONEY '67, in Agincourt, Ont., serving as Executive Director for Christian Distress Clinic. Pray for wisdom in knowing how best to deal with those who call in for help.

WED. 9 MR. TOM OLIVER, Supervisor of Campus Operations.

MISS ROBERTA FRYERS '63-'65. Pray that she will be able to re-adjust to the demanding responsibilities at the Saiburi Christian Hospital, as she returns to Thailand after a 4-month furlough (O.M.F.).

THURS. 10 MRS. SHARON BELL, Part-time Music Dept.

MISS JANET POTZ, B.S.M. '74 in Uganda (A.I.M.), requests prayer for an effective discipleship ministry among the older nurses at Kagando Hospital.

FRI. 11 REV. JIM CUNNINGHAM, Field Ed., Dept., Placement Services.

MR. & MRS. WOLFGANG FERNANDEZ '77-'79 (DONNA McDANIEL '78-'79), request prayer for sensitivity to God's leading as they train and equip pastors and lay leaders in evangelism, church planting of more churches in the Hispanic community of the San Francisco Bay area in California (C.T.M.).

SAT. 12 MRS. GWEN MILLER, Asso. in Library.

MISS SHARON DICKINSON, B.R.E. '76, home on furlough from Papua New Guinea (W.B.T.). Pray that she will have many sharing times of the work of the Mission and that her financial support will increase.

SUN. 13 DR. McRAE is preaching today at Walkerville Baptist Church in Windsor, Ontario.

MISS MARY den BOER '64. Pray for strength and adaptation to a new culture as she teaches Bible Clubs in Spain (B.C.M.).

MON. 14 REV. EBENEZER SIKAKANE, Chairman of OBC Missions Dept. This week he is involved in the 90th Global Missions Conf. at OBC.

MR. MARSHALL MARTIN, Cert. in Church Music '84, serving as Music Director at First Baptist Church in Orillia, Ontario.

TUES. 15 MRS. BETH DAVEY, Associate, General Arts Dept. OBC.

MR. & MRS. JOHN ADAMS, B.Th. '73 (CAROL, B.R.E. '73). Pray for effectiveness as he produces a 15 minute radio program for HCJB in Canada. Pray also for safety as they travel from Alberta to Manitoba speaking in many churches and Bible schools.

WED. 16 MRS. EMILY RADFORD, Part-time Secretary, Evening School Dept.

MISS THELMA CLARK '47 in Tokyo (T.E.A.M.), requests prayer for continued spiritual growth in the lives of the ladies in her Bible study group.

THURS. 17 MR. RAM KALAP, Student Activities Director, OBC.

MR. KENNETH JOLLLY, B.Th. '84, serving as Youth Director at Willowdale Baptist Church, Ontario.

FRI. 18 DR. ROD WILSON, OTS Dean of Students, Counselling Dept. Pray as he speaks at a College and Career retreat at Teen Ranch.

REV. & MRS. CLARENCE SHELLY '57 (PEARL SPARKS '58) in Chateauguay, P.Q. Pray that God will provide the funds needed for the facilitation of the Quebec Radio Ministry (G.O.).

SAT. 19 MRS. MARG MIKELMT, Part-time, OBC Music Dept.

MR. JOHN KESSLER, Part-time, OBC Bible Dept.

MISS ELAINE ESSER, B.R.E. '70, in Thailand (O.M.F.) requests prayer that the Lord would grant strength, patience and graciousness in the stress of working in the Thai language in the Christian Hospital.

SUN. 20 MR. RON DEVEREUX, Public Relations

MR. & MRS. JOHN SHANNON (JEAN MARTIN, '53). Pray for wisdom and knowledge in their teaching ministry at Buenos Aires Bible Institute in Argentina, S. America (C. & M.A.).

MON. 21 MISS MARILOU WILSON, Secretary to Assistant to President in Business Admin.

MR. & MRS. ROY TIBBIT, B.Th. '72 in the Philippines (W.B.T.). Pray for strength and wisdom in his administrative duties for the mission.

TUES. 22 MRS. VICKI WILLIAMSON, Secretary in Development Dept.

MISS KAREN KEHOE, B.R.E. '63, in Paris, France (B.C.U.), requests prayer for effectiveness in the housegroup leadership ministry among those in her local church.

WED. 23 MISS NANCY EDGETT, Secretary and Co-ordinator of Field Education.

MISS SUSAN McLEOD, B.R.E. '74 in Nigeria (S.I.M.), requests prayer for the students at Kent Academy, that they will gain a stronger commitment to God as they commit their lives to Him.

THURS. 24 MISS LORNA ARNDT, Accountant

MR. GEORGE COX, Housekeeping Supervisor, Campus Operations.

MISS DOREEN BARRIE, '45 in Chad, Africa (T.E.A.M.). Pray that the computer and printer used in their translation work will be used for the glory of God.

FRI. 25 MISS MARY LOU JOHNSTON, Secretary, Admission Office, OBC.

DR. ROY MATHESON, N. T. Dept., OTS.

MR. & MRS. KEITH ANDERSON (RUTH MORTSON, '74-'75) in Peru (R.B.M.U.) request prayer for an effective Sunday school ministry and God's leading as they seek to establish a new church.

SAT. 26 MRS. SHIRLEY BRUSH, Registrar, Evening School; Director of Audio Visuals.

MR. & MRS. CURTIS HOMES (MAVIS KAWA, '68) with S.I.M., requests prayer for a number of regular givers who will make a commitment of monthly financial gifts.

SUN. 27 DR. DI GANGI is speaking today and next Sunday at Leaside Bible Chapel in Toronto.

DR. WILSON is preaching today at Hockley Bible Chapel in Hockley, Ontario.

REV. & MRS. ALEXANDER WARNEKE (ANNE WEARE, '66-'67) pastoring Northwest Langley Baptist Church in Langley, B.C.

MON. 28 MRS. IRENE MATTLESS, Cashier

REV. & MRS. FRED SIMMONDS, B.Th. '68 (DOROTHY, '51) request prayer for an effective ministry of the new radio ministry in Swaziland, Africa (C.N.E.C. Inc.).

TUES. 29 MRS. JANE FLOOK, Secretary, Evening School.

MISS OLIVE BRITTAIN, B.R.E. '53, in India (B.M.M.). Pray that God would show her how best to relate the gospel message to the Indian people so that many may come to know Him as their Saviour.

WED. 30 MRS. MARY REED, Information and Special Events Coordinator for Public Relations.

MISS CHARLENE GRAHAM, M.T.S. '84, in Sherwood Park, Alberta. Pray for God's leading as she discerns His will for future ministry.

THURS. 31 MISS CHARLENE MARTIN, Secretary, Community Life Dept.

MR. & MRS. BARRY MACKEY, B.R.E. '73, in New Delhi, India (C.M.M.L.). Pray for strength and wisdom as they minister locally through their church fellowship and Bible study.

FEBRUARY

FRI. 1 DR. IAN RENNIE, Dean of Faculty, Church History and Theology Dept., OTS.

MR. & MRS. GLEN HENDERSON, '70-'71 (MAYBETH, '70-'71), home on furlough from Zambia, Africa (A.E.F.). Pray for a restful, meaningful and effective furlough and for their colleagues on the field who will carry on the work in their absence.

SAT. 2 DR. DOUGLAS WEBSTER, OTS Registrar and Theology Dept., is speaking at a conference for Christian Social workers in Toronto. Pray also for his ongoing preaching ministry at Scarborough Baptist Church, Ontario.

MISS VELMA FOREMAN, B.R.E. '59 in Papua New Guinea (W.B.T.), requests prayer for wisdom in knowing what to do concerning translating Scripture into the Yaawu dialect. Pray also for the revision and printing of the book that teaches people how to read the Yaawu dialect.

SUN. 3 DR. WILSON is preaching each Sunday this month at Hilltop Chapel in Weston, Ontario.

MR. & MRS. TIMOTHY MEDHURST, B.R.E. '72; B.Th. '78; M.T.S. '83, request prayer for discipline and wisdom as they undergo language study in Costa Rica for 1 year before proceeding to Bolivia (CBOMB).

MON. 4 DR. ERWIN PENNER, Bible & Theology Dept., OBC.

MR. & MRS. CARL WHITEHEAD, '70-'71 in Papua New Guinea (W.B.T.), request prayer that the Menya people will have open hearts and minds to receive God's Word.

TUES. 5 DR. McRAE is preaching today at Grace Church in Newmarket, Ontario.

MR. & MRS. CLINTON NEWMAN, '67-'68 in Natal, Africa (A.E.F.), ask for prayer regarding strength and wisdom for him as he coordinates the Extension Bible School among the Indian churches.

WED. 6 MRS. BETTY FORBES, Bookstore Asst.

MR. & MRS. ROBERT HUGHES (RUTH HARRIS, '79-'81). Pray for wisdom and creativity as she serves as public relations assistant at Northwest Baptist Theological College in Delta, B.C.

THURS. 7 MR. GLENN WYPER, Registrar & Coordinator of Admissions, OBC.

REV. EARL COULTER, B.Th. '67, pastoring First United Church in Mississauga, Ontario.

FRI. 8 DR. DI GANGI is preaching this weekend at Kendall Presbyterian Church in Miami, Florida.

MISS NANCY BLACK, OBC Christian Ed. Dept., is teaching today and tomorrow at a C.E. Conference in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

MR. & MRS. GLEN LORCH (LORALYN TURNER, '67) in Vancouver, B.C. (C.C.F.C.), request prayer that the Lord will meet their financial needs.

SAT. 9 MRS. LYNNE WRIGHT, Part-time Secretary, Recruitment.

MISS TINA KORT, B.R.E. '77 in Botswana, Africa (A.E.F.). Pray for physical, mental and spiritual strength. Pray also that she will maintain a good strong Christian witness among the children in her Sunday School class.

SUN. 10 MR. & MRS. DAVID ROBERTS, Recruitment Representatives.

REV. & MRS. DONALD LUTES, '51-'52 in Portugal (A.E.F.). Pray that God would intervene in the local political council so as to allow the open air meetings to continue.

MON. 11 MISS MIRIAM SAILERS, Associate, Community Life & Pastoral Studies Dept., OBC.

MR. PETER BROWN, B.Th. '84, pursuing a B.A. degree at the University of Waterloo, Ontario.

TUES. 12 MRS. DIANE SAYNOR, Secretary, Community Life Dept.

MR. & MRS. ROB MILLAR (DEBI DOYNE, '77), in Caronport, Sask. (G.O.M.). Pray for a good follow-up ministry among those contacts made from the children's open air meetings.

WED. 13 MRS. MARIAN FORD, Supervisor of Reader Services, Library.

REV. & MRS. RICK RANCOURT (LYNN, Cert. in Biblical Studies, '78-'79). Pray that God will show them how best to relate the gospel message to the Islamic people of S. Thailand (O.M.F.).

THURS. 14 MRS. WILMA BARRINGTON, Bookstore Assistant.

MRS. SYLVIA PASLOSKE, Housekeeping Assistant, Campus Operations.

MISS ANN HOOK, B.Th. '70 in Mali, Africa (W.B.T.). Pray for continued wisdom and unity for the team of translators she works with. Pray also that she will continue to know God's power in her life.

FRI. 15 MRS. MARY UNGER, Part-time, Secretary at OTS.

REV. ROBERT MUSE, Biblical Studies Dept., Admissions' Counsellor, OBC.

MISS BEV KROEKER, '78-'79, in Botswana, Africa (A.E.F.), requests prayer for spiritual strength and a sense of love for those around her whom she finds difficult to love.

SAT. 16 MR. JOHN WILKINSON, Chairman of OBC Christian Ed. Dept. Pray for him as he is chairman at a Youth Ministries Conference here at OBC.

REV. & MRS. JAMES TURPIN, B.R.E. '72 (RUTH REGNAULT, '69-'70), request prayer for sensitivity to the needs of the people and God's direction as they work directly in a local church. Pray also for the provision of regular financial supporters (Independent).

SUN. 17 DR. McRAE is preaching today at the Markham Assembly in Markham, Ontario.

MISS JACQUELINE COLQUHOUN, B.R.E. '77, requests prayer for wisdom, discipline and perserverance in her final year at Trinity Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois pursuing a Master of Religious Education.

MON. 18 MISS BARB FOSTER, Secretary to Registrar, OTS.

MR. JIM MASON, '56 requests prayer for daily strength and discernment of the Lord's leading as he directs the SIM work in Ghana, Africa.

TUES. 19 MR. LARRY MOORHOUSE, Campus Operations Staff.

REV. & MRS. VICTOR BAKER, '53 (RUTH MURDUCK, '59), request prayer for wisdom and a sensitivity to the needs of the people as they assist a struggling church in Newcastle, Natal, Africa (AEF).

WED. 20 MISS CHARLOTTE CHURCH, Supervisor of Technical Services, Library.

MR. EMMANUEL SHAMATUTU, B.Th. '82, requests prayer for God's wisdom and knowledge as he teaches at Ndola Theological College in Zambia, Africa.

THURS. 21 MRS. COLLEEN LYMBURNER, Receptionist.

MISS MARGARET KIRK, B.Th. '59, in Indonesia (O.M.F.), requests prayer for continued expansion of the bookstore ministry. Pray also for the right kind of publicity that will persuade people to read about Christ.

FRI. 22 REV. GORDON WRIGHT, Chairman, General Arts Dept., OBC.

REV. & MRS. JOHN HARDER, B.Th. '57 (AUDREY SEYMOUR, B.R.E. '57) in Winnipeg, Man., request prayer for the provision of additional workers among the people in Argentina and Colombia (G.M.U.).

SAT. 23 MR. ELMER CASSIDY, OBC/OTS Field Representative.

MR. ALLAN MARTENS, OTS Part-time in New Testament Dept.

REV. & MRS. KELVIN LUONG, M.Div. '82,

request prayer for his ministry as Minister of Christian Education at the North York (Chinese) Baptist Church, Ontario.

SUN. 24 DR. DI GANGI is speaking at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Ottawa.

REV. & MRS. RICK BELL, M.Div. '81, pastoring Faith Missionary Fellowship Church in Amherstview, Ontario.

MON. 25 MISS LILLIAN SCOBIE, Associate, Christian Education Dept., OBC.

MR. & MRS. HAROLD BALL, '65-'66 (PAT WARNER, '65-'66) in Zambia, Africa (A.E.F.), request prayer for wisdom in leading the Mongu Evangelical Church towards maturity. Pray also for the supply of funds needed for a church building.

TUES. 26 DR. DON LEGGETT, Old Testament Dept., OTS.

MR. RAYMOND LI, M.Div. '84, serving as Assistant Pastor at the Chinese Baptist Church in Montreal, P.Q.

WED. 27 MISS LINDA BOSWALL, Secretary to the Dean, OTS.

REV. & MRS. STAN DESJARDINE,'68 in Tanzania, request prayer for an effective follow-up ministry from the National Convention of the Church of God, that will bring new commitments to Christ and His work throughout Tanzania (Church of God).

THURS. 28 MR. GEORGE WHITMORE, Campus Operations Staff.

MR. GODFREY GREEN, B.Th. '82. Pray for wisdom and perseverence as he pursues an M.Div. degree at McMaster University as well as pastoring Parkhill Baptist Church in Ontario.

MARCH

FRI. 1 MRS. LOUISE KHO, Associate, Music Dept.

MR. & MRS. BILL WILKINSON, B.R.E. '84 (BONITA STEADMAN, B.Th. '81). Pray for

wisdom and a sensitivity to the needs of the students as they serve as Director of Residence at the Baptist Leadership Education Centre in Whitby, Ontario.

SAT. 2 MR. EARL SHERBINO, OBC/OTS Field Representative

MR. & MRS. TOM SYKES, '64 in Port-au-Prince, Haiti (U.F.M.). Pray for wisdom in the plans and preparations for construction projects that they are engaged in. Pray also for her as she seeks to reach the English speaking women in the city.

SUN. 3 DR. WILSON is preaching today and next Sunday at Don Valley Bible Chapel in Don Mills, Ontario.

REV. & MRS. JOHN TEMPELHOFF, B.Th. '66 in Abbotsford, B.C., request prayer that they will remain sensitive to the unique needs of each member of their Bible study group (C.C.F.C.).

MON. 4 MRS. JEAN PHILLIPPO, Secretary to Director of Development.

MR. ARTHUR TAYLOR, B.R.E. '76, in St. Catharines, Ont. Pray for God's wisdom and sensitivity to the needs of the sailors, as he serves as chaplain of Welland Canal Mission.

TUES. 5 MISS ANNE CLARKE, Accounting Clerk.

REV. WALTER TAIT, B.Th. '67, pastoring Westminster Presbyterian Church in Pierrefonds, P.Q.

WED. 6 MR. BEN SIKAKANE, Office Services Manager.

REV. & MRS. JACK BROTHERTON, '38 (MADGE EDGSON, '38-'39), recently retired from missionary work in Chad, Africa (T.E.A.M.). Pray for a sensitivity to God's leading in their lives as they continue to do literature work for the field as well as missionary conference work in the church in Florida.

THURS. 7 MISS CLAUDETTE WHITE, Secretary, Alumni Office.

REV. & MRS. TOM HARLAND, B.Th. '60 (FREDA LAMB, '59). Pray for wisdom and

sensitivity to the needs of the congregation in their new pastoral responsibilities at Bethany Baptist Church, Toronto.

FRI. 8 MISS LINDA TONER, Library Asst.

MISS SHEILA BURGESS, '70 (A.I.M.), requests prayer that her life as a missionary will be a real testimony to the children she works with at Rethy Academy in Kenya, Africa. Pray also for the Dorm Parents there, that they will have wisdom, love and know the right kind of discipline to give.

SAT. 9 MRS. LOIS THURTON, Part-time, OBC General Arts Dept.

MR. PAUL RUSSELL, B.Th. '81, M.Div. '84. Pray that as he is engaged in deputational work and preparing for future ministry in Africa, he will have many occasions to represent A.E.F. and his ministry.

SUN. 10 DR. DAN KELLY, Missions Dept., OTS.

REV. & MRS. ED VANDERMEER, '70 (MARION MILLER, B.R.E. '68) in Toronto (U.F.M.). Pray for a sensitivity to God's leading concerning future areas of ministry.

MON. 11 MRS. IONA BEAGAN, Secretary, Library.

MR. & MRS. ABE MARTENS (MARY SCHINKEL, '72-'74). Pray that while serving as a nurse at Foothills Hospital in Calgary, Alta., she will have many opportunities to share the gospel message with patients she comes in contact with.

TUES. 12 MISS JANET CHENG, Library, Asst.

REV. ALVAN CLELAND, '43, in Stoud, Ont. Pray for a sensitivity to God's leading concerning ministry in his retirement years.

WED. 13 REV. JAKE SMALL, Director of Alumni.

MR. WAYNE SAYNOR, B.Th. '81, pursuing an M.Div. degree from O.T.S.

THURS. 14 MRS. DORIS WARREN, Part-time, Alumni Office.

MR. PAUL WATSON, Campus Operations Staff.

MR. & MRS. BARRY MOECKEL (BONNIE COKER, B.Th. '76) in Papua New Guinea (W.B.T.),

request prayer for God's protection and direction for the Bukiyip translators.

FRI. 15 MRS. MARY TAYLOR, Part-time Secretary, Registrar's Office, OBC.

MISS ELEANOR BRIDGER, '30 in Toronto. Pray for physical health and strength in her retirement years.

SAT. 16 DR. WILLIAM FOSTER, Theology Dept., OTS.

MISS HELEN LYTTLE, Cert. in Biblical Studies '81-'82, requests prayer for her involvement in a number of English and Bible classes in Japan. Pray also for many opportunities to share the gospel in her tract and visitation ministry (O.M.F.).

SUN. 17 REV. JAMES VOLD, Part-time, OBC Biblical Studies Dept.

MISS SUSAN POOLER, M.T.S. '84. Pray that she will be a good testimony to her students as she teaches at Oswald J. Smith Elementary School in Willowdale, Ontario.

MON. 18 MR. ALAN GRILLS, Director of Development.

REV. & MRS. SAM KASONSO, B.Th. '66, serving as General Secretary of the Evangelical Churches of Zambia in Africa, requests prayer for revival in the Luampa and Mandanga local churches (A.E.F.).

TUES. 19 MISS COLLEEN SMITH, Secretary, Music and Ministries.

MR. & MRS. TOM McCALLUM, B.R.E. '75, requests prayer as they are involved in pre-field ministries in preparation for service in Brazil (U.F.M.).

WED. 20 DR. JOHN UNGER, Christian Education Dept., OBC.

MISS GOLDIE BLAKENEY, '44 in Nigeria (S.I.M.), requests prayer that the seed of the Word will be faithfully sown as she continues lecturing in Biblical Studies at the Oyo State College of Education.

THURS. 21 MR. KEVIN QUAST, OTS Part-time, New Testament Dept.

REV. & MRS. HAROLD HILL, '49 in Nigeria, Africa (S.I.M.). Pray for a meaningful and fruitful ministry at Aba Bible College. Pray also for a vehicle to use for travel in Nigeria.

FRI. 22 MR. JOHN FRANKLIN, General Arts Dept., OBC.

MR. & MRS. JIM RENDEL (SANDRA MITTON, '79) in Niger, Africa (S.I.M.), request prayer for the reopening of the two borders into Nigeria so as to facilitate the ministry of SIMAIR.

SAT. 23 REV. GEORGE HAY, OBC Dean of Students; Chairman, Pastoral Dept., Director of Field Ed.

MISS JOYCE AGER, '56 in Hamilton, Ont. (B.C.U.). Pray for an effective ministry in the bookstore, both in learning and meeting the public.

SUN. 24 DR. McRAE needs prayer as he travels to Boca Raton, Florida to speak at Bibletown. He will be there until Wednesday.

MR. & MRS. HOWARD KNIGHT (EVELYN STORK, B.R.E. '83). Pray for wisdom and knowledge as she serves as Christian Education Consultant at the "Upper Room Bookstore" in London, Ontario.

MON. 25 MRS. CAROLINE HAWKINS, Receipting/Accounting Clerk.

MR. & MRS. ROBERT DAVIS, B.Th. '70 (COLLEEN FIETJE, '70-'71) in Singapore (O.M.F.). Pray for strength as their responsibilities in the OMF office continue to be demanding.

TUES. 26 MISS HELEN HOFSTETTER, Secretary to the President.

REV. & MRS. ALBERT ERION, '58-'59, in Kenya, Africa (S.I.M.). Pray for the working of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the Somalian youth who are involved in the Bible correspondence lessons.

WED. 27 MR. JOHN BELL, Chorale Director, Sacred Music Dept.

MR. & MRS. ROAN ELFORD, '71 (PAT, '73) in Alberta (N.C.E.M.), request prayer for the native people of the north, that they will hear the Good

News of Jesus Christ in a way that will be most meaningful to them so that they will receive Him.

THURS. 28 MISS DARLENE SMITH, Secretary to the Registrar, OBC.

MR. & MRS. WILLIAM BONNER (MILDRED ROBERTS, '52-'54) serving as Program Promoter of Indian Workers Fellowship in Orillia, Ont. Pray for wisdom and times of sharing about the ministry of the Mission.

FRI. 29 MRS. NORMA PARKER, Bookstore Manager.

REV. & MRS. ALEX DEANS, '49 (BARBARA NEIDRAUER, '58). Pray for strength and divine wisdom in their pastoral duties at Alderwood Presbyterian Church in Weston, Ontario.

SAT. 30 MRS. SHEILA STEVENS, Secretary, OBC Christian Ed. Dept.

REV. & MRS. RENÉ VERD (GISELE AUBRY, '59-'60) request prayer for the plans of their upcoming furlough in March (B.C.U.).

SUN. 31 MR. JIM JOHNSON, Librarian.

REV. & MRS. IVOR GREENSLADE, B.Th. '52 (RUTH PHILLIPS, '51), serving in Buenos Aires, Argentina (A.B.W.E.). Pray for wisdom as they seek to enlarge the leadership training program and counsel church leaders.

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

A.E.F. . . . . Africa Evangelical Fellowship
A.I.M. . . . . Africa Inland Mission
B.C.U. . . . . Bible Christian Union
B.T.F. . . . . Bible Testimony Fellowship
C. & M.A. . . . . Christian & Missionary Alliance
C.B.O.M.B. . . . Canadian Baptist Overseas Mission Board
C.C.F.C. . . . . Campus Crusade For Christ
C.M.M.L. . . . . Christian Missions in Many Lands
C.N.E.C. . . . Christian Nationals Evangelism Commission
C.T.M. . . . . City Team Ministries
E.I. . . . . Emmanuel International
G.M.U. . . . . Gospel Missionary Union
G.O.M. . . . . Global Outreach Mission
I.V.C.F. . . . . Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship
N.C.E.M. . . . . Northern Canada Evangelical Mission
O.M.F. . . . . Overseas Missionary Fellowship
R.B.M.U. . . . . Regions Beyond Missionary Union
R.S.M. . . . . Red Sea Mission
S.I.M. . . . . Sudan Interior Mission
T.E.A.M. . . . . The Evangelical Alliance Mission
U.F.M. . . . . Unevangelized Fields Mission
W.B.T. . . . . Wycliffe Bible Translators

ALUMNI IN ACTION

BRIGITTE WEIDELICH, B.S.M. '83.

"Being on staff in a local church involves not merely a 9 to 5 job, but 'being in the ministry'."

This is the way Brigitte describes her work as Music Director at Agincourt Pentecostal Church in Ontario. She is responsible for the direction of the Sanctuary Choir and all other music groups in the church, which includes youth, children, the ensemble, and the orchestra. The scheduling of music is also part of her duties.

Having graduated with a Bachelor of Sacred Music and Christian Education degree, Brigitte sees how this combined program has prepared her for her music ministry.

"The whole training was excellent", she concludes.

DR. & MRS. BRYAN WIGGLESWORTH, B.R.E. '69 (LINDA ISAAC, B.R.E. '69). In 1970 Bryan and Linda went to Quito, Ecuador to serve with HCJB of World Radio Missionary Fellowship. After spending 2 years in a hospital and medical ministry, they left Ecuador to represent the Mission in Great Britain, because of Bryan's health. While in Great Britain, Bryan completed his ophthalmology training.

In 1977, after returning to Canada, Bryan did a residency in family medicine at the Toronto General Hospital and then completed his exams in 1978, qualifying him to practise ophthalmology in Canada. Later that same year, he went into private practice.

During the last 5 years, Bryan divided his medical abilities serving as attending physician in charge of the rehabilitation floor at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Toronto, as well as continuing his private practice.

They serve on the Married Couples Committee in their local church. Linda is also church organist.

REV. KELVIN LUONG, M.DIV. '82, is Minister of Christian Education at the North York (Chinese) Baptist Church in Ontario. With the conviction that a minister is called to equip the saints, he has placed high priority on training and helping people to grow spiritually and to serve God independently.

Besides doing follow-up with the Sunday School teachers and counsellors, Kelvin has conducted training in visitation, cell groups, dating and marriage, and apologetics. He is also responsible for a special column in the church's bilingual newsletter and for leading a research group on the church's work force and human resources. Kelvin and his wife, Olivia, are also involved in the ministry of Camp Trent.

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ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Many of you have also been faithful in designating gifts for our *Alumni Scholarship Fund.* Now is the time to replenish this fund so that qualifying students will not be disappointed when they need their money. Here again, not all of our alumni may be able to give, but it may be possible for many of us to help in this area, also.

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Remember your days at T.B.C., L.C.B.M., O.B.C., O.T.S.? The faithful teachers and staff who were committed to your development and spiritual growth?
TODAY our teachers and staff are still committed as they train tomorrow's leaders. We are indebted to them.
Will you help us by your prayers and gifts to achieve $130,000. by May 31, 1985?
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CLASS PROJECTS!

Each class that feels that they would like to undertake collection of funds for any particular project, is kindly asked to check first for approval of that project *before* proceeding. This will be beneficial for all concerned. We appreciate classes designating their gift either "towards" a particular project or "to be used where most needed."

ALUMNI IN ACTION

REV. WINSTON THURTON, B.R.E. '74, is the pastor of Grace Memorial Church in Don Mills, Ontario, where there is a strong emphasis on worship. By its very nature, worship demands that its object be known. The congregation gathers to respond to God as He has revealed Himself. At Grace Memorial, even though the congregation is cross-cultural, the focus is on God, not on the dominant group in the assembly. John 12:32 is the goal and nothing or no-one deters the congregation from it.

Because worship involves people, congregational participation is vital. The people share in moments for silent meditation, for greeting one another, and for sharing in congregational expression to God, which is prescribed to prevent abuse.

The Communion Service can be described as the purest form of worship. The entire service is devoted to honour and praise of the Lord. The entire format is changed by placing communion as the focal point of worship. The Bread is served, which is followed by responsive reading, choral praise, selected readings, and if the message is delivered at this point, it centers on the work of Christ. Often, time is given to truly "remember Christ", then a hymn prepared them for the serving of the Cup. This is followed by selected Scripture readings and then the closing hymn, which stresses the sacrifice of our Lord. "We believe that worship is a response to God and when we assemble it is unto Him."

REV. LORNE MOORHEAD, B.Th. '71, has been in Flin Flon (555 miles north of Winnipeg) for 3 years, serving at Grace Baptist Church, a home mission church of the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches. Grace was started at the request of several families who were meeting in a home and desired pastoral leadership. Door-to-door visitation is an important aspect of the ministry. Lorne is grateful that he learned the value of visitation during his student days even though it "seemed an unreasonable thing for an unsuspecting student to do." Regular visitation has brought many opportunities to present the gospel.

A Christmas Secret

As a parent of young children, I am trying to decide what memories of our family celebrations of Christmas I want to create for them. I was one of those fortunate children to grow up in a Christian home where love was freely expressed. Christmas was a heightened expression of that love. I only vaguely remember the pressure and busy schedule of the extra choir rehearsals and Sunday School programs at church, the chore of card and letter writing to all the long distance friends and relatives, the hectic Christmas shopping (with precious little money to work with), the bursts of exchanges of entertaining.

But I remember distinctly our family time together on Christmas Eve. This was the magical night when the phone did not ring and there were no outside interruptions. Dad would start a fire in the fireplace while Mom finished our favorite supper of clam chowder. After eating, they would closet themselves in their bedroom for some last mysterious gift wrapping. I can still see my older brother and me scrambling to do the supper dishes in record time (no quarrels this night!) so we could get to our opening of presents ritual. For weeks we had been waiting for this moment and it was finally here.

When everyone finally gathered around the Christmas tree we sighed as we encountered yet another delay. Mom always wanted the *full* Christmas story read from the Bible, then a few carols sung, then everyone to pray around. I smile when I remember our efforts to shortcut the process so we could get to our unopened packages.

Now over the years, what was in those packages seems quite irrelevant. The earlier exercise in reflection now appears to be closer to the essence of Christmas. I now realize that Mom and Dad knew a secret we had yet to discover – or grow into. Like all good products of Sunday School we could say that the important event of Christmas was Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. We knew we were celebrating His birthday. But in our heart of hearts (like most normal children), Christmas meant receiving toys we had been dreaming about for months.

My parents, however, knew the joy that accompanies a heart-understanding of the meaning of Christmas. They understood the implications of "Immanuel – God with us." They knew our salvation depended on that moment in history when God came into our world. So while we impatiently waited, they worshipped.

However, we learned from their example and later recognized that those Christmas gifts were but echoes of the real Gift.

As the 1984 Christmas season comes and goes, we need to set some time alone to reflect on what God's supreme Gift means to us. If we don't discover the secret my parents knew, we may be like the overtired child, eating too many sweets, surveying too many presents – sitting among the demolished wrapping papers exclaiming, "Is that all?" When we reach the end of our harried Christmas schedules, trying to fit all our obligatory entertaining and letter writing into the extra school and church functions and extra visits to overcrowded malls for gifts we are trying to afford – we will be defeated and exhausted if we don't have a good sense of the miracle of God's presence with us. The Christian, just as much as the non-Christian, may sigh, "Is that all?"

At times, too, our expectations of family celebrations are not realized. A child doesn't receive a present he has waited for; his parent doesn't experience the anticipated conversation of love he planned for. Relationships go awry on this overrated holiday and the ones nearest to us disappoint us with sharp words or forgotten promises. But if we possess the secret – if we have the joy "which passes all understanding," and Christmas is a reminder to us of the source of that joy – then our relationships and family plans will be in manageable perspective.

Further, we may come from circumstances where the outside trappings of Christmas celebrations are remote and unavailable. Despair and loneliness do not have to dominate our Christmas if we pause to worship the Christ who has come to identify with us. Christmas is about the One who came to save us.

So what about those little children who keep asking, "Is Santa Claus real?" We can give them their fun and smile at their excitement and enjoy the traditions which cement a family together and provide happy memories. But as we do, let us model for them and experience for ourselves the real blessing of Christmas – the secret of God's presence with and within us.

Elizabeth Davey

(Mrs. Elizabeth Davey has been with the college 8 years. She is an associate full-time faculty, working in the General Arts Department.)

Mortgage of $551,00 has been Eliminated

You will be pleased to know that at the Semi Annual Corporation Meeting of OBC/OTS (September 29/84), Dr. McRae, President, and Mr. Gordon Johnson, Chairman of the Board, had the privilege of burning this mortgage before the Corporation members.

This miracle of the Lord has brought encouragement and excitement not only to the Board and Corporation, but to the complete community and constituency.

To our dear anonymous friend who provided $200,000 and to each person who took part by giving and praying we offer our sincere thanks. There are pledges still to come in, but on the strength of those and the gifts received we were able to accomplish this in the Lord.

To God be the Glory!

CURRENT PROJECTS

Computer Project
Would you like to help with our Computer Project? To date we have received $25,000.00.

Video Taping Project
Would you like to be a part of this project? Video/Taping lectures of the Seminary and College are for effective off campus use. Write or call A. Grills for more information.

Library Project
We are expanding our library. If you would like to be a part of this expansion call Mr. J. Johnson Librarian or A. Grills for further information.

'Systematic giving is not a new idea but it is an excellent one to be sure. It has to be, since God initiated it."

Perhaps this quote from Dr. Boehmer, our Chancellor, and our motto, "Shaping Tomorrow, By Equipping Men and Women Today", illustrate our appeal to you.

At OBC/OTS we need *your* help. Will you help sponsor a student? Student fees do not cover all the costs. Each student is subsidized by approximately $1,492.00 which comes by gifts from people like you.

The student you help today can become the Christian leader who can Shape Tomorrow for Christ.

For more information write or call Mr. Alan Grills, Director of Development.

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Call Mrs. Diane Saynor Community Life Department for more information.

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A Conference for Pastors, Church Workers and their spouses, presented by Ontario Bible College / Ontario Theological Seminary on the campus at 25 Ballyconnor Court, Willowdale, Ontario.

FEATURING:

Dr. Gordon MacDonald, who ministers to a large congregation (Grace Chapel) in Lexington, Mass.; adjunct professor of pastoral ministry at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary; chairman of the board of World Vision; author of *Magnificent Marriage* and *The Effective Father.*

Mrs. Gail MacDonald, wife, mother, gardener, teacher, counsellor, co-author of *If Those Who Reach Could Touch.*

ALSO FEATURING:
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BOOK REVIEWS

UNDERSTANDING HANDEL'S MESSIAH

by Mariano Di Gangi, Welch Publishing Company Inc., 1984, 78 pp. ($5.95 Can.)

Excerpt from Chapter 12. This is Dr. Di Gangi's latest book available in the OBC Bookstore.

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6).

Isaiah proclaims the humanity, deity, dignity, and charity of the Messiah whose "Name" is not merely a matter of nomenclature but a true description of His character and ministry in the world.
Humanity: "a Child is born." After the nativity at Bethlehem, Jesus becomes a displaced person. The jealous rage of Herod the king causes Joseph and Mary to take Him to Egypt for refuge. Later, He grows up in Nazareth and journeys through Galilee. As man, He experiences hunger, thirst, disappointment, sadness, compassion, love, joy, temptation, torture, and death.
Deity: "a Son is given." He is the unique Son of the Father, manifesting the power and exercising the prerogatives of "the Mighty God." Jesus forgives sins, raises the dead, judges the world. From everlasting, He is father-like in His tenderness. In His being, the Messiah is "Wonderful," mysterious, incomprehensible, the object of adoration rather than a subject for speculation.
Dignity: "the government shall be upon His shoulder." This "Prince" is destined to rule in heaven and on earth. All authority belongs to Him. His moral law is entitled to obedience. Sin is not simply the unpleasant expression of an antisocial attitude; it is particularly an act of rebellion against the crown of Christ the King.
Charity: this extraordinary person lives, serves, and dies for the good of others. He is called "Counsellor" and "Prince of Peace." Unlike foolish or malicious advisors, He encourages us to choose the narrow and difficult way of disciplined self-denial to find the fullness of life. The Messiah sees mankind estranged from God and undertakes the task of reconciliation. The sin that turns us against God and causes Him to be displeased with us is borne away by the Messiah. We may now experience peace with God through faith in Jesus Christ.

RUN WITH THE HORSES: THE QUEST FOR LIFE AT ITS BEST

by Eugene H. Peterson. InterVarsity, 1983, 213 pp. $5.95 (U.S.) (Distributed by IVP)

Popular works often interpret success to mean a life of order and productivity, but Peterson asserts that if we refuse to accept the ambiguities and absurdities of life, we will end up excluding something "and what we exclude may very well be the essential and dear – the hazards of faith, the mysteries of God" (p. 203). Chocked full of quotable material, this book openly and freely examines the character of Jeremiah, not as an exposition of his writings, but as an account of his actions.
Written with precision and fluency, Peterson's book is not a fast food snack but rather a meticulously crafted banquet which challenges the reader to nurture a life of faith not by taking "a leap out of the everyday but a plunge into its depths" (p. 75).
Mrs. Lois Thurton OBC Faculty

TO LIVE EACH MOMENT: ONE WOMAN'S STRUGGLE AGAINST CANCER

by Janet Brian. InterVarsity, 1984, 205 pp. $5.95 (U.S.)

This book is the account of one woman's struggle with cancer. A skilled writer, the author shares her story with graphic candor as she describes her emotional, spiritual and physical experience through each phase of the illness and its treatments. In this, her intention is to encourage other cancer victims, their families and friends as she demonstrates the faithfulness of God in supplying the strength "to live each moment". For the majority, she will achieve her purpose; but, for some, the unsparing clinical detail may prove too troubling. Recommended with caution.
Mrs. Gwenville Miller OBC Faculty

DESTINED FOR GLORY

by Margaret Clarkson. Eerdmans, 1983, 132 pp. $6.25 (Can.)

Margaret Clarkson writes from the vantage point of one who knows the Scriptures and has been tested in the waters (Is. 43:2) of human suffering. The book is a compendium of Biblical and theological wisdom and practical insight. Each major Biblical passage touching on the mystery of human suffering is briefly but helpfully expounded in short chapters. The underlying thread in all of her Biblical expositions is the sovereignty of God. God "does not answer all our questions but He does reveal Himself in all His love and sovereignty to our suffering hearts and points us through the cross of Christ to our destiny of glory."
Dr. Donald Leggett, OTS faculty.

PATHS OF LEADERSHIP

by Andrew T. LePeau. InterVarsity Press, 1983, 126 pp., soft cover, price $3.95 (U.S.)

LePeau's philosophy of leadership which undergirds the arguments of his information is found in the following comment: "In the course of this book I will try to build the case that all of us can act as leaders in a group...as I said, no matter who does these things, no matter what position they hold, whoever meets needs or goals for God's glory fulfills a leadership function. Though it may be a single act, it is an act of leadership" (page 11).
The author's challenge to group leaders is to develop leadership in group members by using several names. Each theme is developed individually. He maintains others can be guided to growth in Christ through serving, following, teaching, modelling, and envisioning.
Those who lead small groups of people will find the book very directive in what kind of person they should be, and what style of leadership is most helpful in most cases. Those who are interested in an authoritative, one-man style of group dynamic will not appreciate the democratic ideas presented, however, they will learn something of growth for the individual through small group experience.
If you wish to discover practical ways to create growth in leadership ability in the members of your small group, read and study this book. *G.F. Stephens*

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

The Middle East Today in Comparison with Jesus' Time

In specifics the world of the Middle East is very different than it was in Jesus' day. Religiously Islam did not exist in the first century, while today it is dominant and in many ways is pressing for exclusive domain. National boundaries are very different today, while the two world powers of America and Russia which impinge upon the Middle East were not even in existence two millennia ago. And the technological sophistication and urban explosion of recent years were of course utterly unknown. But at a deeper and more principal level, there are many similiarities.

Politically the Middle East seems consistently to have been dominated by massive empires. Today America and Russia seek to be omnipresent throughout the region, while the Shiite Moslems are doing their best to create a new Islamic empire. So it was in Jesus' day. Centuries before His birth there had been the Persian, then the Graeco-Roman of Alexander the Great, and finally the Roman, which would last for another half a millennium. The Middle East reminds us of the importance of empires, but also that in the long haul they rise and then they fall. The most imposing of human institutions can never transcend the limitations of creatureliness.

Ideologically the Middle East has been astonishingly pluralistic. Here cultures have converged and diverse interpretations of reality have proliferated. In our day Islam, Communism, Secularism, the Jews and various forms of Christianity are all represented. In the time of Jesus it was the Epicureans, the Stoics, the Mystery Religions and Judaism which were in existence. This reminds us that humanity cannot live without seeking meaning in existence. How important this is for we Christians to remember in all our ministry and service.

Finally, what about Christianity then and now? In the day of our Lord it was, of course, only a tiny remnant. It was composed of only a handful of Jews who sought for the Messiah with faith and obedience. They were indeed God's poor – what a humanly unimpressive group they were! There was Zacharias and Elizabeth, Simeon and Anna, and Mary. Then there was a baby in all his helplessness and dependence. But this child was the Dayspring, and ever since His light has been permeating the peoples of the world. And while the knowledge of God in Christ has spread to other parts of the world, it is still a fragile growth in the Middle East. Even where it does exist it has frequently become terribly enculturated, so that it seems more of a tribal affirmation than the hope of all peoples. But there is a remnant according to grace, among Jews, Arabs, Egyptians, Lebanese, Russians, Americans, and it is our expectation and prayer that in these days Jesus Christ by His Word and Spirit will be formed in a great multitude in the Middle East.

Dr. Ian Rennie

OTS ALUMNI

Brazilians have an expressive word for homesickness and nostalgia. Yes, I did experience "saudades". Yes, the Christmas preparations and our traditional Christmas Eve gathering around the fireplace at home were events that I missed during my first Christmas in Brazil.

And yet, Christmas 1983 arrived as a whole season to be savored. In the heat of one November day I stood beside the postcard rack of a busy department store. For a few moments familiar music swirled around me. There was the joyous exuberance of Jingle Bells, the lilt of O Tannenbaum along with the lovely melody of White Christmas. There by the postcard rack I unashamedly sang along! Several weeks later my Christmas day was spent with a group of girl friends from language school. Away from our families in North America we created our own family and shared Christmas traditions from California to Puerto Rico. Early in November Christmas mail began to fill the mail box. How I appreciated being included in the Christmas celebrations of family and friends in Canada through the mail.

While learning to live in another culture is an adventure those special moments when one senses a connection with the familiarity of home are to be treasured. Perhaps you know someone who will be away from home this Christmas. I suggest that you share with them this Christmas in a letter.

Dorothy Sowden

(Miss Dorothy Sowden, M.T.S. '81, teaches missionary children in Brazil under the Convention Baptist Overseas Mission Board.)

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IN GOD'S TIME

Man for so long remained in a sinful state
And though some may have considered it too late
Jesus Christ came in the fulness of time
So that to God, man could draw nigh

God's heart for so long for man's fellowship craved
Through the Blood of His Son we can be saved
Now, through Christ reconciliation has been obtained
So with the Father we can our fellowship maintain

But why should God care so much for man
That He would leave heaven's glory to bring salvation's plan
Was it not because His love for us was so deep
He even became the Great Shepherd to lost sheep

Bethlehem was where God became flesh one day
To reveal unto us His perfect way
The Son of God became a babe - oh what humiliation
How can we help but respond in great adoration

There is even a greater purpose still
The Word of God reveals unto us His will
God so loved the world that He gave His Son
So many would come, and we in Christ would be one.

Cindy Mead

Love isn't dead,
it's alive yes today.
He was born long ago
in a manger on hay.
A small tiny baby
to save sinners from death.
An impossible feat?
Don't hold your breath.
He grew into manhood
and spread the good news
to all of the people,
Gentiles and Jews.
He loved, yes them all
but it didn't end there,
On a cross at Calvary
His cross He did bear
So this Christmas day
share a little love,
As our blessed Lord did
His Son from above.

Wendy Cousineau

The Greatest Gift Ever

He came to earth a babe among mankind -
A gift of Heav'n from God the Loving One.
To us was sent the true Incarnate Son,
That we might all in this dear present find.

He came to seek all those who long were lost -
To save, redeem, restore, heal and forgive.
To do the Father's will was His to live
Unto the end and not to count the cost.

He came for me, for you, for all of time -
To know, commune, to pray, to sacrifice.
By faith we can accept the full-paid price
Which man with God doth fully re-align.

Great gift of love! O how we too should share -
This Christ with all to show how much we care.

Linda Kruger

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and it's another day...
The glee subsides...and life resides,
what holiness surrounds us then?
How many pages of scripture shall we read?
How many souls have calloused knees?
How many saints Him holy hold,
when our daily life is tolled?
What shall He say on judgement day'
when all our deeds are weighed?
Will we hear Him say "Well done, Faithful one,"
Or is our fervent Christmas Praise,
...just another part of our yuletide ways?

Carolyn Ti Eller

REDEMPTION CAME

God created man with Him to dwell
But sin entered in and man fell
Man no longer had communion with God
As on the path of sin and destruction he trod

But for man, God cared
His Love with people to share
God sent His only Son
So we in Him can be One

Christ was before the world began
But one day He became a Man
Jesus came as a babe
In a manger He was laid

Angels rejoice on that glorious night
As they beheld the wondrous sight
Redemption was now on its way
Man would no longer need to go astray

From the manger to the cross
To bring us home who were lost
Man can fellowship with God once more
As through Christ communion was restored

Have you invited Jesus Christ in
To forgive and cleanse you from sin?
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Narrow "streets" were lined with shops of food vendors, brass and copper makers, basket weavers, pottery makers, tailors, carpenters, tent makers and weavers. A tape of street noise was heard in the background and the live animals and bales of hay gave a proper odor to the occasion.

The synagogue and inn were reproduced artistically and the stable revealed a young couple with their new born baby. The women at the well served small cups of ice water to the passers by.

Lois and I greeted the guests as they left and presented each family with a scroll that bespoke the true meaning of the Child of Bethlehem. Many felt that they had been taken back 2,000 years in time.

Letters to the editor of our city newspaper and phone calls to the church made mention of the spiritual impact experienced by the community. There was one criticism – one caller said we should have taken an offering.

(Rev. Murray Hicks has pastored churches in Ontario, Buffalo and New York State and is currently Senior Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Jackson, Michigan.)

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John Saynor

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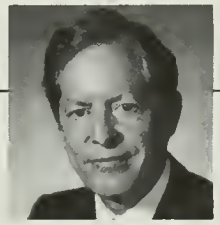

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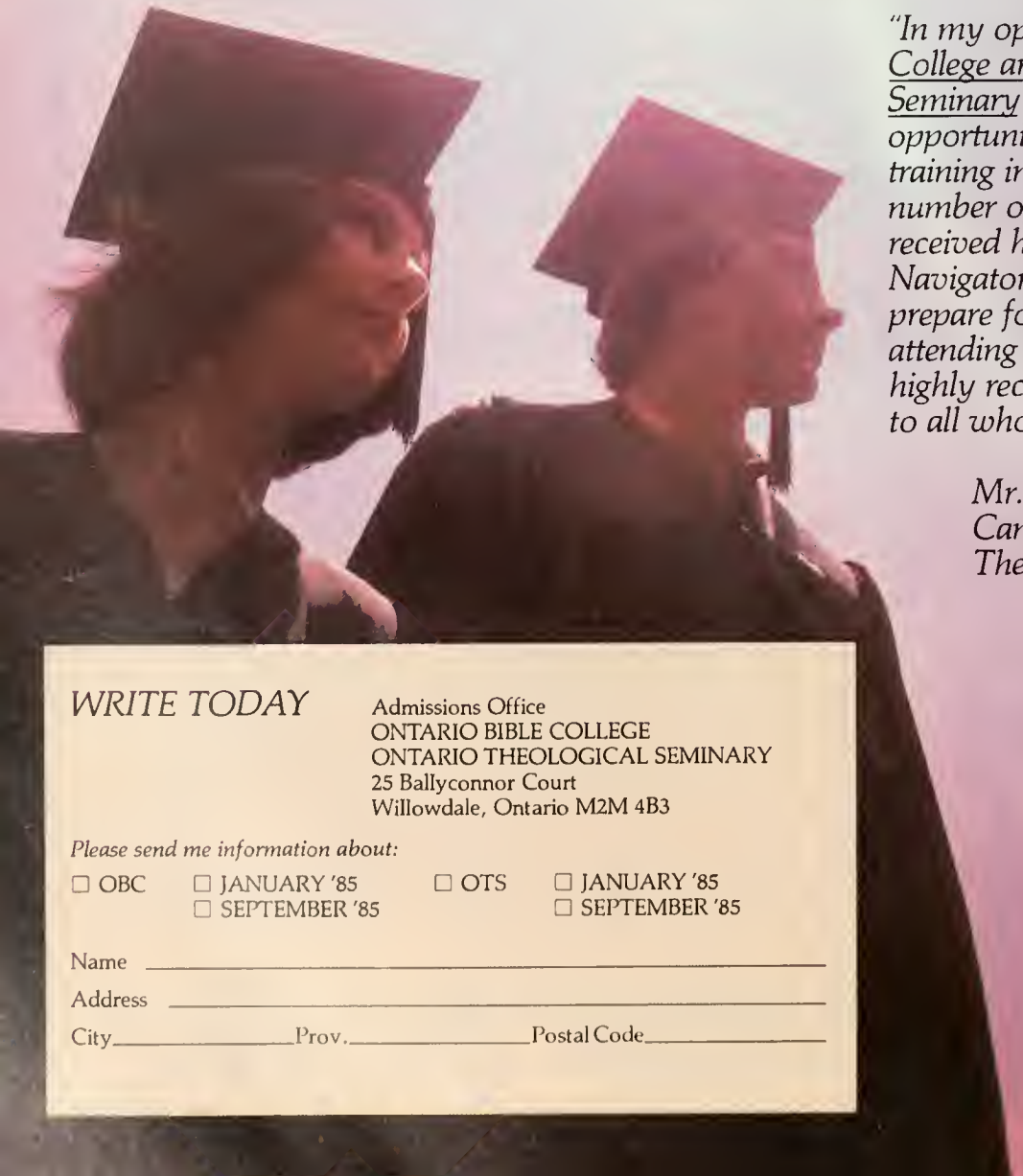

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